

## **DRAFT/Absentee Voting for Committees and Officers**

(This is a draft of the procedure for obtaining and submitting an Absentee Ballot, which will be presented to the Town Meeting on Sept 26, 2011. This information is intended to be posted on the Village government website under “Elections” and will also be disseminated through other public media, such as the Arden Page)

Standing committees and Town Officers are elected at the March Town Meeting. The election is conducted by secret ballot. All residents who are 18 years of age and who have resided in the Village of Arden for 6 months prior to the election are eligible to vote at the Town Meeting. Beginning in March 2012, absentee voting will be available for all residents of Arden who cannot vote in person for the following reasons:

- the resident’s business or occupation prevents him or her from voting at the Town Meeting. “Occupation” shall include care of a family member.
- the resident will be out of town on election day. This includes military service, college, or vacation as examples.
- the tenets or teachings of the resident’s religion prevent participation in the election.
- the resident has a physical disability – either temporary or permanent – which prevents the resident from voting at the Town Meeting.

To obtain an absentee ballot, you must submit an Affidavit for Absentee Ballot to the Registration Committee. You can download the Affidavit for Absentee Ballot by clicking the link below or by contacting any member of the Registration Committee. Affidavits may be submitted any time after Jan 1 until 1 week before the election. Instructions and the deadline for submitting the Affidavit are included on the Affidavit itself. As soon as the ballot is printed (usually the first week in March), you will receive it and must return it either by mail or in person to the town office by 6 p.m. on the day of the election.

### Absentee Ballot Request

[link: Affidavit for Absentee Ballot form]

### Current Registration Committee

[link: list of all standing committees]

contact the Registration Committee

[link: email to [Registration@theardens.com](mailto:Registration@theardens.com)]

**DRAFT / Village of Arden**  
**Affidavit for Absentee Ballot**  
**For Election of Committees and Officers**  
**ELIGIBILITY** You are eligible to vote if you are 18 years of age and  
have resided in the Village of Arden for 6 months prior to the election.

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address to which ballot is to be mailed if it is different from the address above

I request a ballot for the election on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am unable to attend the Town Meeting to vote in the forthcoming election for the reason checked below and that the information contained herein is true: *Check the appropriate box below*

- ☐ my business or occupation prevents me from voting at the Town Meeting.  
("Occupation" may include care of a family member.)
- ☐ I will be out of town on election day.  
(This includes military service, college, or vacation as examples.)
- ☐ the tenets or teachings of my religion prevent participation in the election.
- ☐ I have a physical disability – either temporary or permanent – which prevents me from voting at the Town Meeting.

My expected location on election day is \_\_\_\_\_

Voter signature \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please return this completed and signed Affidavit by \_\_\_\_\_  
to: **Arden Registration Committee • 2119 The Highway • Arden, DE 19810**

You may return this Affidavit by mail or by depositing it in the Village's locked mailbox at the Buzz Ware Village Center at the above address.

You will receive a ballot as soon as the ballots are printed, estimated to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Your ballot must be received by 6 p.m. on the evening of the election.**

**FOR REGISTRATION COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

Date affidavit returned \_\_\_\_\_ Received by Reg. member \_\_\_\_\_

Date ballot mailed to voter \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Date ballot delivered in person \_\_\_\_\_

by Registration Committee member \_\_\_\_\_